

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the "Abstract" paragraph, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In a push switch device, a first latchet tooth is formed to an actuation body composed of an elastomer, a second latchet tooth is formed to a cam follower composed of a synthetic resin material, and the first latchet tooth is meshed with the second latchet tooth by elastically urging the cam follower upward by a second coil spring as well as a first coil spring having a spring load smaller than that of the second coil spring is interposed between the actuation body and the cam follower. Then, the first latchet tooth is engaged with the second latchet tooth at an unstable position by regulating the rotation of the cam follower by the guide portion, ~~of a case when the actuation body is not actuated, and the phase of the first and second latchet teeth is changed to a stable position as the actuation body is pushed, thereby an actuating member, which actuates a contact element switching mechanism, is rotated integrally with the cam follower by rotating the cam follower. With the above arrangement, there can be reduced the abutment noise generated between the first and second latchet tooth when the actuation body is pushed and released.~~ --